[Sri V. Ramaiah] [1st April 1963

Reservoir Project the due date for opening the two canals for irrigation is 1st August. But during this year (62–63) it was not possible to adhere to the rules as the storage position in the reservoir was prevarious. As soon as storage improved, the canals were opened on 15—9—1962 for irrigating the entire project ayacut of 9,000 acres (i.e., 4,500 acres under Krishnagiri Reservoir Project left main canal and 4,500 acres under the Right Main Canal). The supply was to have stopped from 14th February 1963.

The Collector of Salem reported in February 1963, that standing crops over an extent of about 4,500 acres would require water even beyond 14th February 1963 and that they would become ripe for harvest by the end of March or in the middle of April 1963. He, therefore, recommended extension of supplies beyond 14th February 1963 and up to 15th April 1963 (inclusive). Accordingly, supplies were extended beyond 14th February 1963 and up to 15th April 1963 (inclusive).

The total draw off in the two canals of the project sinc the date of opening has been as follows :—

From 15th September 1962 to end of December 1962 about.	100 cusecs.
From 1st January 1963 to 9th January 1963 about ..	120 to 125 cusecs.
From 10th January 1963 to 23rd January 1963 about ..	110 cusecs.
From 24th January 1963 to 31st January 1963 about ..	80 to 85 cusecs.
From 1st February 1963 to 14th February 1963 about ..	95 cusecs.
From 15th February 1963 to 17th February 1963 about ..	60 ,,
From 18th February 1963 to 28th February 1963 about ..	80 ,,
From 1st March 1963 to 22nd March 1963 about	82 to 90 cusecs.

It can be seen from the above, that supply has not been reduced from 1st March 1963 as stated by the M.L.A. in his Notice. This supply is more than sufficient for the standing crops in about 4,500 acres. It has also been reported by the Executive Engineer, Salem Division at Mettur Dam that there was absolutely no complaint from the ryots about any dearth of supply.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963 (L.A. BILL No. 7 OF 1963.)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1963) has been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendment.

(2) NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have also to announce that the Legislative Council has nominated the following three members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Assembly for the financial year 1963–64 :—

1. Dr. P. V. Rajamannar.
2. Sri K. Balasubramania Ayyar.
3. Sri M. Seshachariar.